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**TO ALL PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS WORKING IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LAGOS, AND
THE LAY FAITHFUL**

Dear Msgri./Frs., Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This is to bring to awareness that the Holy Father Pope Francis, has instituted an annual celebration in honor of the elderly. The new **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** will be celebrated **every year on the fourth Sunday in July**. The first celebration of the Day will come up on **Sunday, July 25, 2021**.

In view of the above, we hereby direct that all parishes should celebrate the elderly persons in their parishes on **Sunday, 25th July, 2021**. Special attention should be given to the elderly ones on that day with a special sitting arrangement made for them and possibly some entertainment arranged after Mass such that the adults, youths and children would show them love and appreciation.

At the Archdiocesan level, there shall be a celebration at **Regina Mundi Catholic Church, Mushin** beginning with the Holy Mass at **10:30am**. This would be followed by a reception and entertainment of the elders.

We hereby attach a slide prepared by Family and Human Life Unit of the Archdiocese. It is a summary of the letter of Pope Francis to the grandparents and the elderly all over the world. Kindly find a way of bringing the message of the Holy Father to the parishioners in general and the elderly ones in particular.

Signed

+Alfred Adewale Martins

Archbishop, Metropolitan See of Lagos

15th July, 2021